

EC-2987. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Election to Expense Certain Refineries" (RIN1545-BF05) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2988. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Documentation Requirements Under Section 6050W for U.S. Payors Making Payment Outside the United States to an Offshore Account" (Notice 2011-71) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2989. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certification of Factual Information to Import Administration during Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Supplemental Interim Final Rule" (RIN0625-AA66) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2990. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protecting the Public and Our Personnel to Ensure Operational Effectiveness" (RIN0960-AH35) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2991. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Disclosure Law, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Origin for Imported Merchandise" (RIN1515-AD53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2992. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Incentive Program" (RIN0938-AR00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2993. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to the Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Benefit Programs" (RIN0938-AP24 and RIN0938-AP52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2994. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities of the Office of the Medicare Ombudsman; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2995. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Medicare Competitive Acquisition Ombudsman's 2009 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Finance.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KOHL, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2112. A bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-73).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2017. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-74).

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2354. A bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-75).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

\*Constance Smith Barker, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2016.

\*Robert J. Zimmer, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2016.

\*Arnold F. Stancell, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2014.

\*Walter A. Barrows, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2014.

\*Charles R. Korsmo, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring October 13, 2011.

\*Charles R. Korsmo, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring October 13, 2017.

\*John H. Yopp, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring October 13, 2011.

\*John H. Yopp, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring October 13, 2017.

\*Marcos Edward Galindo, of Idaho, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring April 17, 2014.

\*Maria E. Rengifo-Ruess, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring February 4, 2014.

\*Robert C. Granger, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2014.

\*Anthony Bryk, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2015.

\*Matan Aryeh Koch, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on Dis-

ability for a term expiring September 17, 2013.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1516. A bill to establish a program under which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall provide grants to eligible State consortia to establish and carry out municipal sustainability certification programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. REED):

S. 1517. A bill to provide for the creation of jobs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1518. A bill to require a jobs score for each spending bill considered in Congress; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1519. A bill to strengthen Indian education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1520. A bill to ensure the continued investigation of terrorist attacks against the United States attributable to the government of Muammar Qaddafi; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1521. A bill to provide assistance for agricultural producers adversely affected by damaging weather and other conditions relating to Hurricane Irene; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1522. A bill to establish a joint select committee of Congress to report findings and propose legislation to restore the Nation's workforce to full employment over the period of fiscal years 2012 and 2013, and to provide for expedited consideration of such legislation by both the House of Representatives and the Senate; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. PAUL:

S.J. Res. 26. A joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner no longer holds the confidence of Congress or of the people of the United States; read the first time.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WEBB, Mr. BEGICH, Mr.